

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372:

Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a flexible pouch.

Group II, claims 8-24, drawn to a method of forming and filling a flexible pouch.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group I without traverse. Applicant submits that pending claims 1-7 are readable upon Group I.

Further, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to more clearly define the invention.

If the Examiner has any questions relating to the application, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (248) 647-6000.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180.

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Respectfully submitted,

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